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AGRICULTURE TECHNOLOGY COURSES IN INDIAN LANGUAGE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the places where courses in agriculture technology are being conducted in Indian languages;

(b) the reasons for conducting teachers training and research work only in English language in Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR);

(c) whether the Official Language Act, 1963 has not been implemented in the ICAR;

(d) if so, whether the Government propose to conduct courses related to agriculture technology at every level in Indian languages all over the country; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) The medium of instruction in state agricultural universities is English. However, bilingual instructions (in English as well as in Hindi) are imparted in universities of Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh etc. Students are permitted to write answers of the question papers in Hindi as well.

(b) The medium of instruction and scientific writing is presently in English owing to the fact the maximum literature and communication mode is globally accepted. However, scientists are writing books literature and scientific papers in Hindi as well. Extension practices including preparation of instructional material is provided in Hindi and other regional languages also.

(c) The Official Language Act, 1963 has been implemented in the Council.

(d) & (e): Agricultural education is a state subject and State Governments have to take a view regarding this. If State Governments do this, Council would provide whatever help it can.